

**We claim:**

1           1. A method of making a fiber laminate comprising the  
2 steps of:

3           (a) forming a nonwoven spunbond filament layer;

4           (b) prebonding said nonwoven spunbond filament layer to a  
5 tensile strength of at least 50% of the tensile strength thereof  
6 at maximum bonding to form a prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament  
7 layer;

8           (c) applying at least one layer of hydrophilic fibers  
9 onto said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer; and

10          (d) hydrodynamically bonding a laminate formed by said  
11 fibers together to form an absorbent cloth.

1           2. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the nonwoven  
2 spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step (b) in a calender.

1           3. The method defined in claim 2 wherein the nonwoven  
2 spunbond filament layer is prebonded in step (b) in a calender  
3 having at least one heated embossing drum cylinder.

1           4. The method defined in claim 3 wherein the prebonding  
2 is carried out in step (b) such that a maximum free filament  
3 length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond layer  
4 is less than 15 mm.

1           5. The method defined in claim 4, further comprising the  
2 step of additionally deforming said prebonded nonwoven spunbond  
3 filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

1           6. The method defined in claim 5, further comprising the  
2 step of treating said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament layer  
3 with at least one wetting agent prior to application of said ,  
4 fibers thereto.

1           7. The method defined in claim 6 wherein said wetting  
2 agent is at least one tenside or surface active agent.

1           8. The method defined in claim 7 wherein the hydrophilic  
2 fibers are applied by at least one carding machine or at least  
3 one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven spunbond  
4 filament layer.

1           9. The method defined in claim 8, further comprising  
2 the step of applying a second spunbonded nonwoven material onto  
3 said laminate formed by said layers.

1           10. The method defined in claim 9 wherein the  
2 hydrodynamic bonding of said layers into said laminate is  
3 effected by a water-jet treatment thereof.

1           11. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the prebonding  
2 is carried out in step (b) such that a maximum free filament  
3 length between two bonding points of the nonwoven spunbond layer  
4 is less than 15 mm.

1           12. The method defined in claim 1, further comprising  
2 the step of additionally deforming said prebonded nonwoven  
3 spunbond filament layer to increase the thickness thereof.

1           13. The method defined in claim 1, further comprising  
2 the step of treating said prebonded nonwoven spunbond filament  
3 layer with at least one wetting agent prior to application of  
4 said fibers thereto.

1           14. The method defined in claim 13 wherein said wetting  
2 agent is at least one tenside or surface active agent.

1           15. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the  
2 hydrophilic fibers are applied by at least one carding machine or  
3 at least one air-layering device onto the prebonded nonwoven  
4 spunbond filament layer.

1           16. The method defined in claim 1, further comprising  
2 the step of applying a second spunbonded nonwoven material onto  
3 said laminate formed by said layers.

1           17. The method defined in claim 1 wherein the  
2 hydrodynamic bonding of said layers into said laminate is  
3 effected by a water-jet treatment thereof.